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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Serge CARILLO *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/405,920

Filed: September 24, 1999

For: METHOD OF CANCER TREATMENT BY
P53 PROTEIN CONTROL

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: A. Beckerleg

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington DC 20231

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 19, 2001, applicants respectfully request reconsideration. The application is in condition for allowance.

Remarks

Claims 18-29 are pending and are being examined. Applicants request reconsideration and timely notice of allowance.

There is but one remaining rejection to the claims.

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

1. Written Description

Claims 21-22 and 28-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as the specification allegedly fails to provide an adequate written description of the claimed invention. In particular, the PTO asserts that a description of "parts" of calpastatin that inhibit the activity of calpain is lacking (*see* page 2 of the Office Action). Applicants respectfully disagree.